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In the Claims

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A system of integrating the installation, on one or more target machines, of software prerequisites with a to-be-installed (TBI) software application, comprising:

means for determining if said TBI software application requires any software prerequisites;

means for obtaining location information for all required software prerequisites;

means for creating a super image comprising the TBI software application wrapped with the location information for said software prerequisites; and

means for distributing said super image to all machines on which said software application is to be installed; wherein:

said means for creating a super image comprises at least:

means for defining an object model representing the integrated software installation;

means for populating the object model with attributes and method to describe the TBI software application and the location information for said software prerequisites; and

means for instantiating one or more objects according to the defined object model, whereby said means for instantiating instantiates an object for the TBI software

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application and one or more component objects for each of said prerequisites and said populating step populates the instantiated object(s);

and wherein said system further comprises means for using the populated object model to install the TBI software application, said means for using the populated object model further comprises at least:

means for identifying one or more target machines on which the TBI software application is to be installed;

means for downloading the super image to the identified target machines; and means for performing an installation at each of the identified target machines using the downloaded super image.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled)

21. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said super image is a temporary file that is deleted from said target machines upon completion of the installation process.

Claims 22-28 (Canceled)